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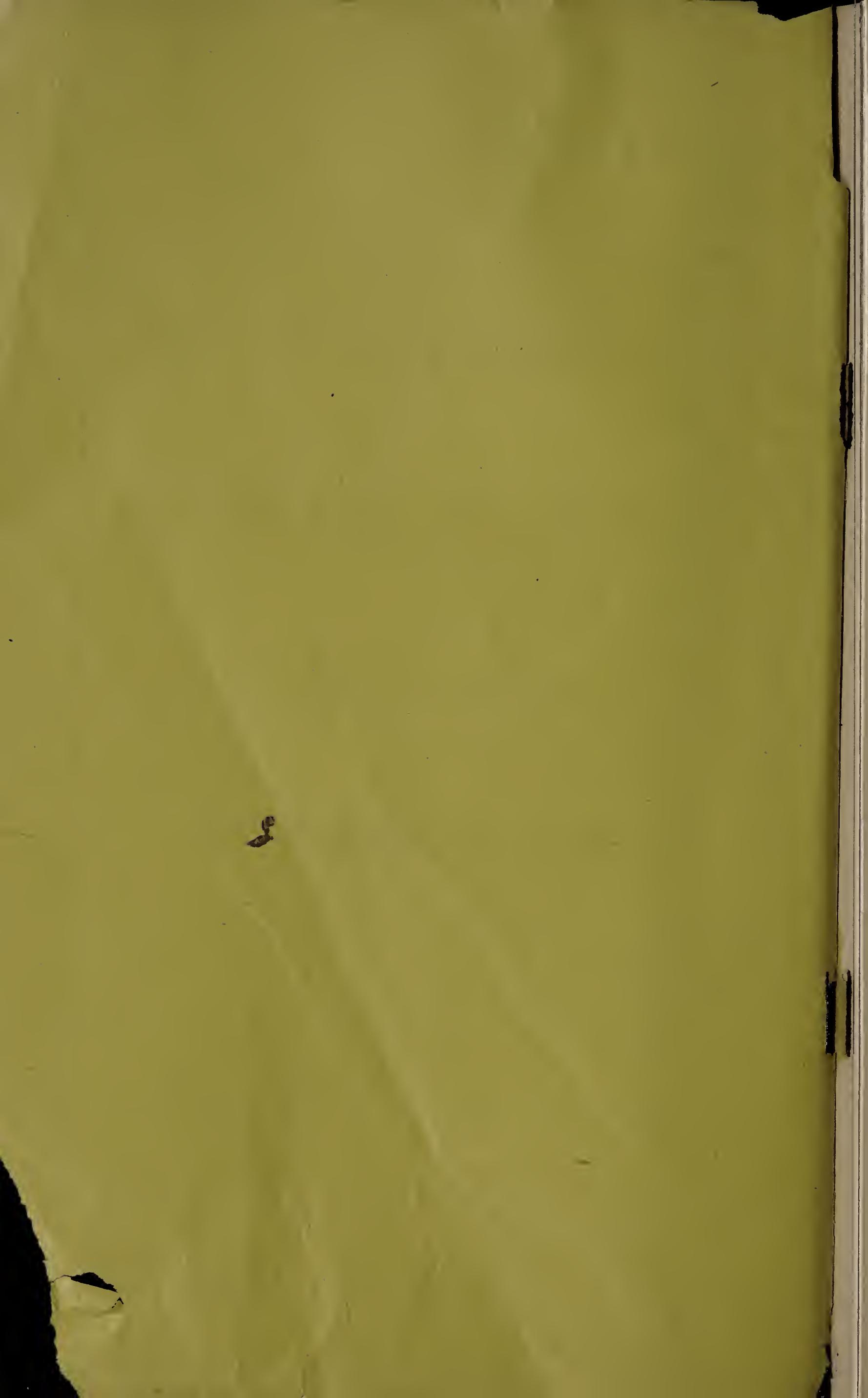
FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 1885.

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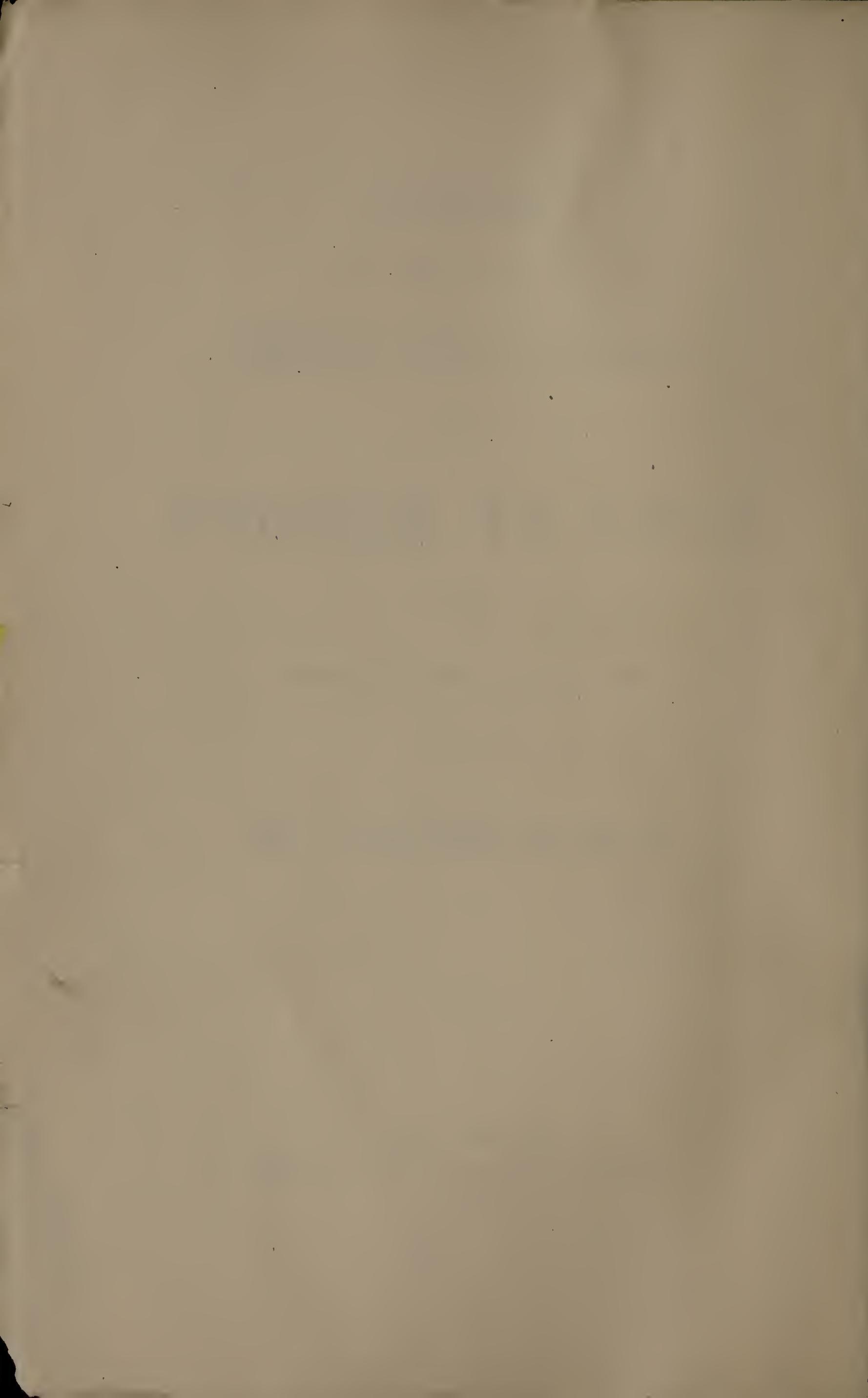
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned, in the discharge of his duty, respectfully submits the account of his doings, as Treasurer of the Town, for the municipal year ending March 2, 1885.

He debits himself with the following assets, viz:

1. To amount in hand at last report, viz:

Deposit in Home National Bank.....	\$1802 05
" Milford " "	289 52
Check on Home " "	280 00
Cash in hand.....	30 56
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	\$2402 13

2. To amount borrowed for renewal of bonds, viz:

Of Ann Quigley at 4½ per cent.....	\$500 00
Julius A. George " "	2000 00
Julius A. George " "	1000 00
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	\$3500 00

3. To amount borrowed on notes to be paid from the taxes of 1884, viz:

Wm. H. Aldrich, at 4½ per cent.....	\$500 00
Austin A. Taft, " "	500 00
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	\$1000 00

4. To cash received of Collector:

" do. balance of tax of 1883.....	\$124 95
" do. " 1884.....	1300 00
" do. " "	2500 00
" do. " "	71 67
" do. " "	1590 31
" do. " "	700 00
" do. " "	700 00
" do. " "	900 00
" do. " "	100 00
" do. " "	100 59
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	\$8087 52

To cash Miscellaneous sources:

" do. balance of a check.....	\$6 00
" do. J. A. George for Annals.....	2 75
" do. Dr. Russell, rent of Pond.....	50 00
" do. Support of State Paupers.....	66 00

4.	To cash license, Bowling Alley.....	\$2 00
	“ do. do. Auctioneer.....	2 00
	“ do. Corporation Tax, etc., etc.....	957 53
	“ do. Div. Dog Tax.....	97 64
	“ do. State School Fund, etc.....	224 45
	“ do. Out of Town Scholars.....	6 00
	“ do. Catalogues, Library.....	1 30
	“ do. Overdrawn, Road Commis'ers..	12 58

		\$1428 25
	1885	
	Feb. 17. To balance brought from old acct.	\$2410 68
	He credits himself with the following items, viz :	
1.	By cash paid for Bonds due, viz :	
	To Sarah Metcalf.....	\$300 00
	“ Ann Quigley.....	500 00
	“ Julius A. George.....	2000 00
	“ Julius A. George.....	1000 00

		\$3800 00
2.	By cash paid on Notes, viz :	
	To N. R. George, in part.....	\$500 00
	“ Austin Wood, in full.....	250 00
	“ Wm. H. Aldrich, “	500 00
	“ Austin A. Taft. “	500 00

		\$1750 00
3.	By cash paid for Coupons, viz :	
	To Ann Quigley.....	\$25 00
	“ J. A. George.....	100 00
	“ Austin Wood.....	35 00
	“ Sarah Moffett.....	15 00
	“ Horace S. Aldrich.....	25 00
	“ J. A. George.....	50 00
	“ Almira C. Thompson	30 00

		\$280 00
4.	By cash paid interest on notes :	
	“ “ “ N. R. George.....	\$67 50
	“ “ “ Sarah Metcalf (bond)....	14 04
	“ “ “ Austin Wood.....	12 50
	“ “ “ Austin Wood.....	4 97
	“ “ “ Wm. H. Aldrich.....	9 37
	“ “ “ Austin A. Taft.....	8 56
	“ “ “ A. C. Thompson.....	3 50
	“ “ “ J. G. Metcalf.....	25 00

		\$145 44

5.	By abatement of Taxes:	
	“ Certificate of Assessors.....	\$29 17
	“ do. do.	37 59

		\$66 76
6.	By payment of Taxes:	
	“ “ State tax of 1884.....	\$720 00
	“ “ County tax of 1884.....	440 00

		\$1160 00
7.	By Miscellaneous payments:	
	“ State Treasurer on account of Cor. tax	\$2 06
8.	By payment 97 Town Orders.....	\$6802 96

	Amount	\$14,007 22
	Balance carried to new account.....	2410 68

		\$16,417 90

BONDS OUTSTANDING MARCH 2, 1885.

Est. of D. O. Aldrich, bond No. 101.....	\$500 00
Sarah Moffet, “ “ 102.....	300 00
Austin Wood, “ “ 103.....	700 00
A. C. Thompson, “ “ 104.....	600 00
Ann Quigley, “ “ 105.....	500 00
Julius A. George, “ “ 106.....	2000 00
Julius A. George, “ “ 107.....	1000 00

Amount	\$5600 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING MARCH 2, 1885.

A. C. Thompson, dated April 16, 1877.....	\$70 00
N. R. George, “ Feb. 17, 1879.....	1000 00
J. G. Metcalf, “ July 3, 1876.....	300 00
J. G. Metcalf, “ May 8, 1878.....	200 00

	\$1570 00

Of the outstanding debt the following has been paid during the year, viz:

Sarah Metcalf, bond No. 94.....	\$300 00
Austin Wood, note.....	250 00
N. R. George, endorsement on note.....	500 00

	\$1050 00

JOHN G. METCALF, Treasurer.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1885.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 2, 1885.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

M. M. Aldrich, moving safe from Milford.....	\$7 00
L. A. Cook, coal for town hall.....	33 76
Fred Swasey, services and plan for town hall entrance...	7 50
Chas. H. Howe, 1-2 acre land for So. Milford school, No. 4	50 00
" wall around " "	30 00
Mary Deviny, 1-2 acre land for West school, No. 5.....	50 00
Bartlett & Ellis, repairing roof of Record building.....	3 20
T. E. Morse, paint for " " " " ".....	4 20
Hill Williams, painting " " " " ".....	2 00
C. A. Ambler & Co., lock for	" ".....
Chas. H. Allen, putting on lock	" ".....
A. W. Gaskill, wood for	" ".....
Hill Williams, sawing wood "	" ".....
Dr. J. Wilmarth, returning births.....	25
S. W. Hayward, services Kay prosecution.....	3 00
" taxes repaid by vote of the town.....	1 25
A. W. Judson, returning 12 deaths.....	3 00
David Adams, cash paid for sundries.....	8 53
" school books furnished.....	16 66
" storage of fire extinguisher.....	12 00
J. A. George, repairs of " " " ".....	105 00
A. W. Gaskill, labor in old cemetery.....	2 00
J. G. Metcalf, cash paid for stationery and postage.	25
G. B. Williams, " " sundries.....	5 80
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	\$355 40

REPAIRS OF TOWN HALL.

M. M. Aldrich, balance on Town Hall, account 1883-4...	\$12 86
A. W. Judson, tables, blackboards and repairs	17 32
T. E. Morse, oil and putty.....	6 75
A. W. Gaskill, repairs of stair railing.....	2 75
	—————
	\$39 68

PRINTING.

Cook & Sons, town reports, 1884.....	\$55 00
“ assessment notices.....	1 25
“ call for proposals for well and trench.....	3 00
G. W. Stacy, tax books, notices and bills.....	11 00
	—————
	\$70 25

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Edward Dixon, services as Supt of Schools, 1883-4.....	\$75 00
Martin Thayer, “ constable 1884-5.....	15 00
“ “ lock-up keeper, May 1, to Aug. 1, 1884.....	1 67
L. Freeman, “ collector of taxes, 1883.....	65 00
Edward S. Worthen, “ assessor of taxes, 1884.....	42 50
Chas. H. Allen, “ “ 1884.....	42 50
M. M. Aldrich, “ “ 1884.....	40 00
David Adams, “ town clerk, 1884-5.....	20 50
John G. Metcalf, “ treasurer, “	35 00
Liberty Freeman, “ selectman, “	18 00
Albert W. Gaskill, “ “	23 00
G. B. Williams, “ “	53 25
	—————
	\$431 42

STATE AID PAID PENSIONERS. CHAP. 301,

ACTS OF 1879.

John Curley.....	\$48 00
Abigail Mitchell.....	48 00
	—————
	\$96 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS. CHAP. 252, ACTS, 1879.
 Abel G. Weatherhead..... \$8 85

WELL. TRENCH AND MATERIAL FOR SUPPLYING
 JOY BASIN.

A. W. Gaskill, digging and filling trench, plumbing, etc.	\$213 31
“ labor and sundries for well, etc.....	130 97
Hill Williams, labor on trench and basin.....	50
“ labor for cash paid L. Merritt.....	85
M. M. Aldrich, carting 1 1-2 tons lead pipe	2 00
Bartlett & Ellis, lead pipe, etc.....	146 85
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	\$494 48

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid School Committee by nine town orders, drawn in
 their favor..... \$2411 13

REPAIRS OF ROADS.

Paid Road Commissioners :

1 town order. for balance due them last report.....	\$13 17
1 “supplies	12 58
6 “ appropriaition of 1884.....	1300 00
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	\$1325 75

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor, 9 town orders..... \$1400 00

THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY AND HUSTON TABLET.

Paid Trustees 3 town orders..... \$170 00

RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals	\$355	40
Town Hall	39	68
Printing	70	25
Town Officers	431	42
State aid. Chap. 301	96	00
" Chap. 252	8	85
Joy basin supply	494	48
Schools	2411	13
Roads	1325	75
Poor	1400	00
Library and tablet	170	00
	\$6802	96

The Selectmen also report that the liabilities of the town, known to them, are as follows:

Due on bills against the town, estimated	\$ 35 00
Due town officers, estimated.	143 00
Due school teachers, estimated.	271 00
Due on town demand notes outstanding.	1570 00
Due on town bonds.	5600 00
	—————
	\$7619 00

The available assets, so far as known, are as follows:

Due from collector on list of 1884.....	\$140 77
Due from state, aid to pensioners one year to Jan. 1, 1885.....	99 00
Due from state, aid to indigent soldiers, one year to Jan. 1, 1885	25 00
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	2410 68

	\$2675 45
Net indebtedness of the town.....	\$4943 55

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS, } Selectmen
ALBERT W. GASKILL, } of
LIBERTY FREEMAN, } Mendon.

Mendon, Feb. 20, 1885.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1883.

DR.	
Balance due the Town Feb. 19, 1884.....	\$119 20
Interest received.....	5 75
	\$124 95.

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By cash paid treasurer.....	\$124 95
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LIBERTY FREEMAN, COLLECTOR FOR 1884.

DR.	
Taxes committed for collection.....	\$8008 01
Additional assessments.....	46 82
Interest received.....	48 51
	\$8103 34.

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By cash paid treasurer.....	\$7895 81
Abatements.....	66 76
	\$7962 7
Balance uncollected, Feb. 16, 1885.....	\$140 77

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The undersigned, Road Commissioners, respectfully submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 2, 1885:

The Commissioners charge themselves with cash received on Town orders to the amount of..... \$1312 58

They credit themselves by paying the following bills:

S. H. Taft, labor.....	\$4 99
Edward Dudley, gravel.....	19 05
Silas Dudley, “.....	7 15
Charles Thayer, “.....	9 50
John C. Wood, “.....	3 42
Liberty Freeman, “.....	3 00
Abel G. Weatherhead, labor.....	50 40
William N. Smith, “.....	6 60
B. F. Aldrich, “.....	2 25
Smith A. Bowen, “.....	63 26
G. A. Staples, “.....	30 30
A. I. Barrows, “.....	21 30
C. B. Williams, “.....	131 22
E. T. Bates, “.....	51 13
E. H. Taft, “.....	25 62
G. Gaskill, “.....	21 75
W. Coleman, “.....	80 21
H. Moores, “.....	59 66
William J. Taft, “.....	37 80
L. P. Cummings, “.....	98 40
Walter A. Gaskill, “.....	41 25
Perry Wood, labor and cash paid.....	85 04
S. H. Taft, labor and cash paid as per bill.....	136 92
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies.....	12 58
John Barry, blacksmith's bill.....	5 62
G. W. Taft, machine blade.....	6 00
A. W. Gaskill, labor and cash paid out as per bill.....	227 73
Paid J. G. Metcalf, cash overdrawn.....	12 58
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	\$1254 73
Balance in hands of Commissioners....	\$57 85

SAMUEL H. TAFT, } Commissioners.
A. W. GASKILL, } of
ELIAS T. BATES, } Mendon.

OVERSEERS' OF POOR REPORT.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the municipal year, ending March 2, 1885. Lawrence Wilber, Elijah Penniman, until September 5. Mary Hayward and Olive Hayward have received a full support. Charles H. Allen, Edna Allen, John Lane and wife, Mary C. Taft, Mary Kirby, the families of Jennie Tucker, Daniel Cunningham, Hugh Crawford, Henry Moore, Francis R. Scisco, Henry Wilson, (living in Spencer); Walter S. Wilson, (living in Athol) having a settlement in Mendon; Henry H. Parkhurst, and Horace A. Parkhurst, having a settlement in Blackstone, Hiram Wilson and Joseph F. Wood, belonging to Uxbridge, Edward Shanley, having no settlement in the state, have received a partial support.

March 20, 1884, the Overseers contracted with Davis Hill to board and take care of all who may require a full support for the year beginning April 1, 1884, for \$3 per week, for each person so cared for. Also agreed with Nancy S. Huse to board and clothe Edna Allen for the year ending April 1, 1885, for the sum of \$1 per week, for the first six months; \$1.50 per week for the last six.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town:

Balance from account of last year.....	\$ 24
Nine town orders.....	1400 00
Town of Uxbridge.....	40 01
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	\$1440 25

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts:

FOR SUPPORT OF	
Lawrence Wilber.....	\$166 41
Elijah Penniman	126 34
Mary Hayward.....	164 84
Olive Hayward.....	164 84
Charles H. Allen.....	9 20
Edna Allen.....	52 00
John Lane and wife.....	116 20

Mary C. Taft.....	\$74 00
Mary Kirby.....	97 38
Jennie Tucker.....	224 93
Daniel Cunningham.....	22 38
Hugh Crawford.....	43 00
Henry Moore	20 00
Francis R. Scisco.....	7 75
Henry Wilson.....	12 00
Walter S. Wilson.....	6 00
Henry H. Parkhurst	10 00
Horace A. Parkhurst.....	10 00
Hiram Wilson.....	10 00
Joseph H. Wood	18 03
Edward Shanley.....	21 90
Martin Thayer, care of tramps.....	4 80
Hill Williams, wood for lockup.....	1 00
G. W. Stacy, printing circulars, aid notifications and envelopes.....	2 25
L. Freeman, postage stamps.....	90
L. Freeman, services as Overseer of the Poor.....	33 00
Gilbert Gaskill, " " "	10 00
Edward Dixon, " " "	6 00

	\$1435 15

Leaving a balance in hands of Overseers of \$5 10

From the whole amount paid for support of poor..	\$1435 15
Deduct what was due for the support of the paupers to March 3, 1884.....	\$130 00
What has been received from Uxbridge, \$40.01, less \$21.98 (reported last year).....	18 03
What is due from Uxbridge and Blackstone...	46 31
What has been paid out for Edward Shanly... -----	21 90
	\$216 24

	\$1218 91

Add what will be due for support of paupers to March 2, 1885.....

Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending March 2, 1885.....

\$1374 52

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREEMAN.
GILBERT GASKILL,
EDWARD DIXON, } Overseers
{} of the Poor.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1885.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners and School Committee of the Town of Mendon, and that of the Treasurer of the Taft Public Library, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched for.

JULIUS A. GEORGE, } Auditors
ANDREW W. JUDSON, } of Mendon.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

TOWN OF MENDON TO DAVID ADAMS—DR.

To express paid on Mass. Reports and other public Documents.....	\$3 10
To postage paid on Election, Registration and other returns during the year.....	58
To cash paid Secretary of the Commonwealth for Register of Voters	1 00
To cash paid Geo. W. Stacy for Record Book for Registrars of Voters.....	60
To cash paid for Stationey.....	25
To cash paid for fare and express to Worcester for new ballot box.....	3 00
	———— \$8 53
To services as clerk of the Board of Registrars..	4 00
To attending State Elections and Clerk's Meeting, (2 days).....	4 00
To recording indexing and returning 19 births..	9 50
To recording, indexing and returning 4 marriages	60
To recording, indexing and returning 12 deaths	2 40
	———— \$20 50
Received for Dog Licenses during 1884 :	
55 male dogs.....	\$110 00
3 female dogs	15 00
	———— \$125 00
Less Clerk's fees.....	11 60
Balance paid County Treasurer.....	———— \$113 40

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1884.

1884.

DATE. NAME OF CHILD. NAME OF PARENTS.

Jan. 10	Lydia Broughey	Michael and Mary Ann Broughey
Jan. 12	Maud Ella Gunn	T. B. W. and Catherine E. Gunn
25	Florence Melissa Barrows	John G. and Mary A. Barrows

Feb. 8	Harry Taft	Frank and Alice Taft
Feb. 15	Ada Alzie Gould	Naum G. and Julia Ann Gould
Mar. 2	William Dennis Kelley	Dennis and Sarah Jane Kelley
Mar. 26	Margaret Hoard	John F. and Mary Hoard
Mar. 28	Willie Arnold Bibaux	Felix H. and Betsey A. Bibaux
Apr. 12	John Byrne	John and Alice Byrne
Apr. 15	— Davenport	Austin D. and Sarah M. Davenport
June 8	Raymond Barrows	Alfred I. and Lizzie A. Barrows
June 23	Nellie Inez Wheeler	Lyman E. and Susan I. Wheeler
June 30	Austin Wheelock Martin	Joseph and Geneive Martin
Aug. 11	— Hastings	William S. and Anna A. Hastings
Aug. 14	Frank Eaton Weatherhead	Frank A. and Cora Weatherhead
Oct. 7	Earle Baker Lowell	George F. and Elvira P. Lowell
Oct. 18	— Aldrich	William A. and Mary A. Aldrich
Oct. 25	Harry Elliot Bates	Lewis and Rosabel Bates
Nov. 14	Caroline Wheelock Freeman	Alanson and Eldora Freeman

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1884.

DATE MARRIAGE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 1 1884.	Ruel Martin	Mendon
Jan. 1 "	Ella Parkhurst	Mendon
Mar. 10 "	Stephen D. Nichols	Mendon
Mar. 10 "	Elizabeth C. Aldrich	Mendon
June 5 "	Jesse Gaskill	Milford
June 5 "	Hannora Casey	Mendon
June 26 "	John C. Worcester	Grafton
June 26 "	Isabel C. Cook	Mendon

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1884.

DATE DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE	RESIDENCE.
January 17, 1884.	Liberty Freeman	— 3 6	Mendon
March 4, "	Willard Wilcox	74 9 —	Mendon
June 3, "	Edward Shanley	65 —	Unknown
July 9, "	Dryden Warner	84 —	Mendon
Sept'ber 5, "	Elijah Penniman	90 —	Mendon
Sept'ber 30, "	Maud E. Gunn	— 8 17	Mendon
October 1, "	George Taft	85 —	Mendon
October 9, "	Mary S. Robinson	76 —	Mendon
Nov'ber 16, "	Mary F. Richardson	16 —	Mendon
October 16, "	Thomas Coleman	64 —	Mendon
Dec'ber 28, "	David Sherin	82 —	Mendon
June 6, "	Catherine Daley	55 —	Mendon

DAVID ADAMS, Town Clerk..

Mendon, Feb. 14, 1885.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees have to report the continued usefulness and prosperity of the Library. The Board reorganized April 19, 1884. The Purchasing Committee have purchased during the year new books to the amount of \$89.30, and hope the selection of the same has been generally acceptable. The labors of the Librarian have been satisfactory, alike to the Trustees and to those who have availed themselves of the privileges of the Library, and we take pleasure in announcing that her services have been secured for the ensuing year.

The Trustees were deeply grieved to learn of the sudden decease of Mrs. Susan E. Huston, the founder of this Library, which occurred at Providence, R. I., on the 4th of July last. They met at the Library rooms, July 5, and passed resolutions of respect and sympathy, which were spread upon the records of the Trustees, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and they were also published in the Milford Journal. The portrait of Mrs. Huston hanging in the Library room, was draped.

On Sunday, August 10, a sermon commemorative of Mrs. Huston was preached by Rev. Carlton A. Staples of Lexington, Mass., before a large gathering of her friends and acquaintances, in the Unitarian church in this place. It was a fitting eulogy, with many illustrations showing her praiseworthy character and her great usefulness in the various conditions of life through which she passed from her early days to the latest period of her earthly career.

The Trustees expect to obtain, by the kindness of Mr. Staples, a manuscript copy of this sermon, which can be bound and kept in the Library, or the sermon may be printed, if hereafter deemed advisable, that all who desire to know of the life of this noble woman may have the means to do so, at command.

November 4, the Town instructed the Trustees to place a tablet to the memory of Mrs. Huston on the walls of the Library room, and one from the works of Mr. A. C. Kinney, Milford, Mass., was so placed January 20, 1885.

By reference to the Librarian's report, it will be seen that Mrs. C. A. Joy-Mann, a former resident, and others, have, during the past year, given generous gifts of books and pamphlets to the Li-

brary. To all such, we would tender the grateful thanks of our citizens.

The annual examination of the books by the Trustees, was made February 10, 1885. The books were all accounted for, and the Library ordered to be reopened February 14.

The appropriation of \$150 for the ensuing year, is recommended.

JULIUS A. GEORGE, President,
HORACE C. ADAMS, Secretary,
SAMUEL H. TAFT, Treasurer,
GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS,
EDWARD DIXON,

Trustees Taft Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:

The fourth annual report of the state of the Library, is hereby respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The Library opened for the delivery of books, Feb. 9, 1884. The whole number of books borrowed up to the first of February, 1885, fifty-two weeks, was 4,778, viz: Agriculture, 52; Biography, 192; History, 307; Travel, 327; Education, 28; Poetry, 58; Miscellaneous, 173; Novels, 3,345; Periodicals, 296.

Seventy per cent. of those taken, were works of fiction. The average number borrowed each library day, was a fraction less than 92. The smallest number taken any day was 71, and the largest number 128.

The whole number of borrowers during the library year, was 315.

The additions to Library from all sources during the year, are 170 volumes.

Of these, 83 were purchased and 87 donated. The entire number of books in the Library, is 2131.

The Library has been generously remembered, and we would gratefully acknowledge the donors: From Mrs. Charlotte A. J. Mann, 71 volumes, 81 periodicals, 6 pamphlets; Henry Peirce, E. A. Snow, A. C. Stockin, I. N. Tarbox and Town of Mendon, 1 volume each; Theodore Lyman, 11 volumes, 158 pamphlets; Department of the Interior, 13 pamphlets; J. T. Cassino, 10 pamphlets; Henry Capron, 2 pamphlets; the Mendon Book Club, 36 periodicals. A small magazine has been sent monthly by the Shaker societies.

Agreeably to the 7th rule, the books were called in for the annual examination on the first Saturday of February, and every book was returned at that time.

One book has been slightly injured, and the estimated damage promptly paid.

Fines for the detention of books and cards sold, amount to \$11.97.

During the year, twenty-two have taken books for reading and reference in the library room. Eleven have availed themselves of the special rule for disputants.

MARY E. DUDLEY, Librarian.

Mendon, February 9, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library, respectfully submits the following report for the year ending February 7, 1885. The Treasurer charges himself with the following sums:

Balance from last year's account.....	\$14 57
Drawn on three orders of Selectmen.....	170 00
Received from Librarian for fines, etc.....	11 97
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	\$196 54

He credits himself by paying the following sums:

Cash paid W. B. Clarke and Carruth for books.....	72 55
" " G. B. Williams, cash paid for books, etc.....	7 25
" " S. E. Cassino & Co., for books.....	6 00
" " Carter, Rice & Co.....	2 55
" " Cook & Sons, express.....	25
" " Mary E. Dudley, bill for sundries.....	9 84
" " Memorial Tablet.....	30 00
" " for book.....	6 00
" " Mary E. Dudley as librarian	50 00
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	\$184 44

Balance on hand..... \$12 10

SAMUEL H. TAFT.

Mendon, February 16, 1885.

Examined, found correct, and with proper vouchers.

EDWARD DIXON, }
G. B. WILLIAMS, } Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

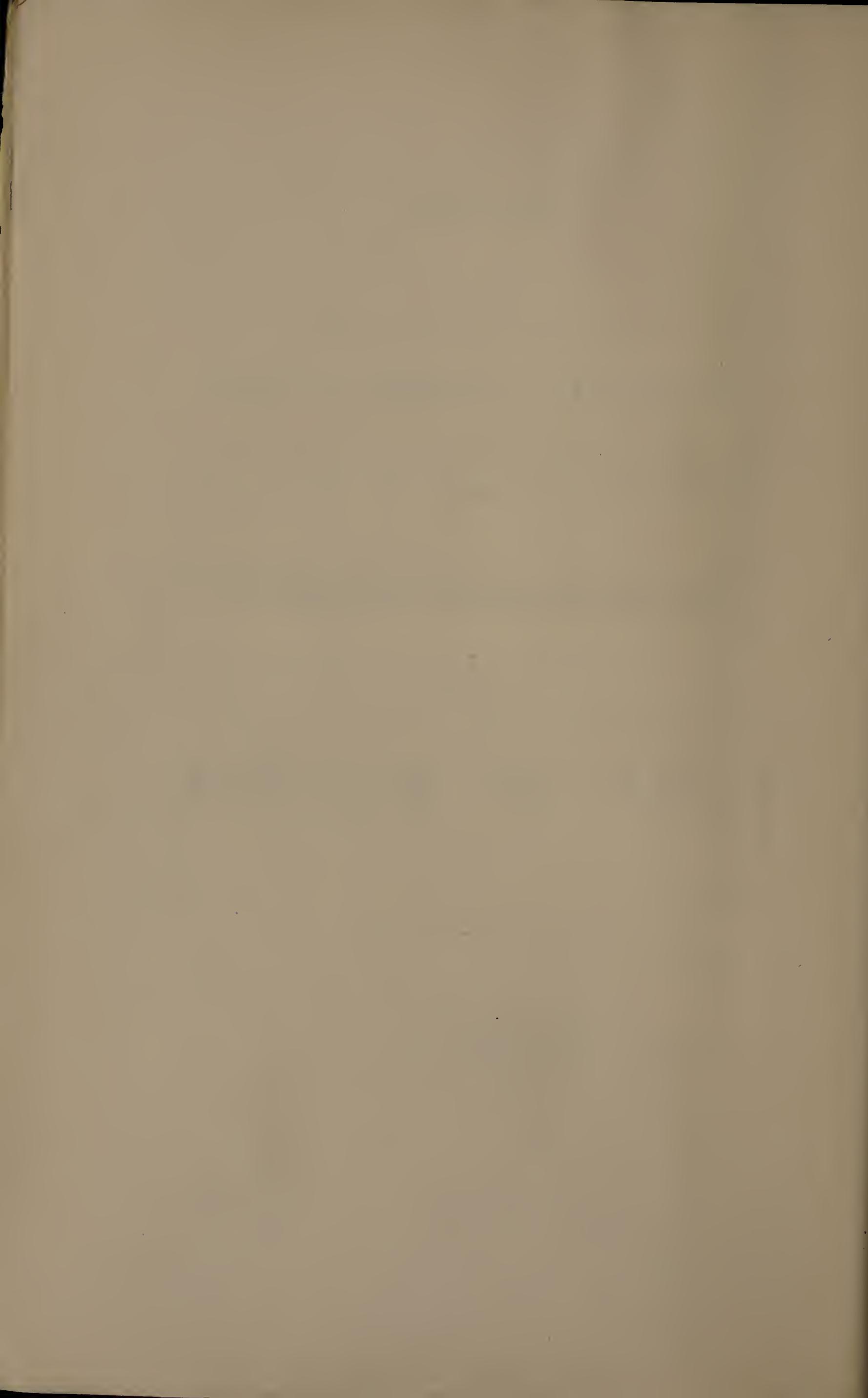
FOR THE

TOWN OF MENDON,

FOR THE YEAR 1884-5.



1885.



REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following report of the school expenditures for the year, is respectfully submitted. The full financial statement will be found in the Superintendent's report.

DR.

To 9 Town orders drawn for school purposes.	\$2411 13
To cash received from school book agent for discount on books.....	4 14
To cash received from school book agent for books and supplies.....	1 34
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	\$2416 61

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Instruction, fuel and care of rooms	\$1499 07
School books and supplies.....	503 55
Incidentals	248 68
Cash in Home National Bank.....	165 31
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	\$2416 61

NORTH NO. 1

Mary L. Taft, two bills.....	\$102 00
W. W. Nelson, fuel and fitting.....	13 00
" " care of fire two years.....	5 00
" " cleaning room.....	2 00
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	\$122 00

CENTER—PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR.

Cora E. Gaskill, two bills.....	\$108 00
Mary E. Dudley, two bills.....	108 00
E. H. Taft, for wood.....	32 36
W. E. Dixon, sawing wood.....	9 14
" " care of fires.....	6 00
Julia Brigdale, cleaning rooms.....	3 50
L. E. Laft, sawing wood.....	75
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	\$267 75

SOUTH.

Emma E. Aldrich, two bills.....	\$100 00
" " care of fire.....	4 00
Helen C. Claflin	50 00
" " care of fire.....	2 00
Lowell C. Cook, fuel and fitting.....	10 50

	\$166 50

EAST.

M. A. Griffon, three bills.....	\$200 00
Frederick Bates, fuel and fitting.....	10 25
" " care of fire.....	1 00

	\$211 25

WEST.

Annie W. Gaskill, three bills.....	\$150 00
" " care of fire.....	2 00
John C. Wood, fuel and fitting.....	6 75

	\$158 75

ALBEEVILLE.

Dora Taft, three bills	\$190 00
Samuel H. Taft, fuel and fitting.....	13 19
" " cleaning room.....	1 50
Dora Taft, care of fire.	3 00

	\$207 69

HIGH.

N. Currier.....	\$180 00
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OLD BILLS.

S. W. Ferguson, two bills.....	\$110 00
Dora Taft.....	73 00
Frederick Bates.....	2 13

	\$185 13

INCIDENTALS.

W. W. Nelson, repairs and supplies (No. 1).....	\$4 77
King & Merrill, supplies (No 1).....	3 40
Edward L. Smith, use of well for Centre.....	7 00
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., school maps	25 00
Knight, Adams & Co., account books and labels.....	4 55
A. P. Scribner, express on school books.....	3 20
Bartlett & Ellis, supplies for Center.....	4 40
Chas. H. Allen, enumerating scholars (No. 2).....	1 50
" " shingling out-house.....	1 75
" " book cupboard for High school.....	1 9 75

Edward Dixon, labor and supplies.....	\$1 00
L. A. Merritt, book cupboards for (No. 2).....	14 00
A. W. Judson, repairs and supplies (No. 2).....	1 79
Lowell C. Cook, " " (No. 3).....	.90
Frederick Bates, " " (No. 4).....	10 94
Eldredge & Beatty, varnishing desks, etc., (No. 5)....	6 25
John C. Wood, shingling and repairing, (No. 5).....	27 68
" " building wood-house, (No. 5).....	46 74
" " digging the well, (No. 5).....	29 00
Liberty Freeman, supplies, (No. 6).....	1 75
Samuel H. Taft, repairs and supplies, (No. 6).....	3 71
Edward Dixon, services as school book agent.....	39 60

	\$248 68

EDWARD DIXON, Treasurer,
For School Committee.

SAMUEL H. TAFT, Chairman.
EDWARD DIXON, Secretary.
W. W. NELSON,
FREDERICK BATES,
JOHN C. WOOD,
LOWELL C. COOK.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To THE CITIZENS OF MENDON:—In order to comply with the expressed wish of the Town, I am obliged to prepare this report before the North and Center schools are closed. All the schools except the North have, so far, continued through the different terms without more than the ordinary interruption.

The Spring term of the North school was shortened two weeks because of the teacher's sickness. The present term it was interrupted again for one week on account of diphtheria.

The number of weeks schooling in the common schools has been increased to thirty weeks.

The schools, with exception of the South, have been taught throughout the year by the same teachers.

It has been, and is, the desire of the superintendent to have the smallest number of classes possible, and uniform methods of teaching in all the schools. Two years ago the number of classes in the High school was seventeen; last year eleven, and this year only eight. In the Grammar, although there was a large class from the Primary in the Fall and no scholars passed from the Grammar to the High, there are but two grades. The same method has been applied to the other schools, and the teachings of the Board of Education have been followed as closely as possible. The teachers have

done all they could to make the plan a success, and the free text books were a great help to gain the desired end.

In all the schools, especial attention has been given all through the year to Writing, and this winter term to Reading. The result is a good general advance by all the schools in these two necessary acquirements.

No school has made a greater advance this year than has the Albeeville school, under Miss Dora Taft. Excellent work has been done in the Primary. The progress of the Grammar and North schools has been somewhat retarded by the frequency with which scholars have been dismissed. This is one of the worst things teachers have to contend with, for it is seldom that scholars in the common schools "make up" a lesson, if they are excused before their class recites; and unless they do so before the next recitation, the class is to a certain extent "held back." Yet in spite of this, the teachers in these schools have accomplished a good year's work.

The East school was taught by Miss Griffon of Princeton, an experienced teacher of superior ability, but one who would not use corporal punishment. Good work was done in this school, especially in Reading and Writing; but in the matter of government, the result shows that sometimes the best way out of a difficulty, for all concerned, is to resort to corporal punishment.

In the West school, excellent work has been done, and, like the Albeeville school, it has, by persistent work on the part of the teacher, been brought up to a grade with the other schools mentioned.

It is impossible to grade the South school with the others. It requires, as it were, separate treatment. The best thing for the scholars and for the town would be to close it, if the scholars can be accommodated elsewhere without too much trouble.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School is taught this year by Mr. N. Currier of Enfield, N. H., a graduate of Tuft's College. Under his charge the school is in a flourishing condition; and whether scholars have been excused before school closed or not, they have almost invariably been well prepared with their lessons before the time for recitation. Scholars have taken at least three studies this year, as they did last. The school committee consider themselves fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Currier, and they and the parents generally are well pleased with his success as a teacher, and thoroughly appreciate his efforts to make the school a successful one.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Text books and supplies have been furnished the scholars *free*, as the law requires. It entails a great amount of work upon the school committee, and extra work upon the teachers; but the schools are certainly in a better condition than they were under the old law, as every scholar is now provided with all books and supplies neces-

sary, thereby enabling the teacher to form the classes and begin her work the first day of each term, instead of waiting the pleasure of the parents in buying books and supplies for their children. Whether the law is a desirable one for the town or not, must be left for each citizen to decide for himself. The school committee had no choice in the matter. The state made the law, and the committee had to abide by it. All books furnished the scholars, are in good condition, and have been used as well or better than those owned by the scholars. Scholars could purchase the books used, at cost, if they wished; but only two or three availed themselves of the privilege.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

A new woodhouse has been built and a well dug for the West school, and the school furniture newly varnished. The East house has been painted outside by the town and inside by the school. The South school house needs shingling badly, and the Primary and Grammar schoolrooms should be furnished with new stoves, as those now in use do not properly warm the rooms, although they consume a large quantity of fuel. The North school should have a well, as the scholars now have to depend entirely on the neighbors for their drinking water, and it may be economy in the end to prevent the continuance of this practice.

TEXT BOOKS.

The Franklin Writing series and the Eclectic Writing and Drawing series of books have been used this year, in preference to the Duplex Writing and Bartholomew's Drawing series. McGuffey's Speller takes the place of Harvey's two books by the same publishers, at about one-half the cost of Harvey's. The new Franklin Readers were used in preference to the old, when classes needed a new reader. White's Elementary Arithmetic takes the place of White's Primary and Intermediate Arithmetics. In the High school the Eclectic Physiology is used in place of Cutter's, being better adapted to the wants of the scholars and costing only one-half as much. There seems to be no need of a change in any of the text books now in use, unless it is the history. There are much better text books in the market than Scott's History, and a change might be made in these text books without much, if any, cost to the town.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Exhibiting the names of scholars who have been neither absent or tardy for one or more terms. In the schools now in session the record is to date:

ONE TERM.

John A. Kelly,
Mason F. Kinsley,
Arthur S. Kinsley.
Edward E. Gunn,
Manrice Nugent,
Martin Nugent,
William D. Nugent,
Harold A. Wheeler,
Bertha E. Hastings,
Ethel Williams,
Walter F. Towne,
Clarence A. Taft,
Morton A. Holbrook,
Etta M. Parkhurst,
Flora Daniels,
Solon H. Parkhurst,
Francis A. Bebo,
Percy F. Kinsley,
John M. Towne,
Minnie M. Kimball,
Nelly M. Nugent,
Grace F. Smith,
Alfred T. Dixon,
Harry C. Cook,
Joseph H. Lury,
Grace Darling,
Estella Davenport,

Medora A. Davenport,
Alice Quigley,
Annie Scriven,
Julia Grady,
John Grady,
Timothy Byrn,
Bertha V. Horton,
Joseph S. Cox,
William Mongur,
Herbert Barrows,
David H. Chilson,
John Downs,
Jesse L. Bates,
John D. Bates,
George A. Rockwood,
Waldo A. Rockwood,
William Rockwood,
Josephine V. Cunningham,
Laura A. Cunningham,
Edward J. Cunningham,
H. Fred Crawford,
Blanche B. O'Sullivan,
Bertha B. O'Sullivan,
Alice J. O'Sullivan,
Laura F. Cooley,
F. Ina Taft.

TWO TERMS.

Bertha F. Albee,
Estine Taft,
Hattie F. Albee,
James H. Morris.
Harry E. Richardson,
James E. O'Sullivan,
Grace G. Cook,
Anna M. Staples,
Minnie M. Barrows,
Bertha L. Sprague,
Russell E. Bates,
Arthur Sprague,
Mabel P. Ballon,

G. Gertrude Nutter,
Nettie Nutter,
Annie Quigley,
A. Dwight Davenport,
James Quigley,
William Warner,
Martin Grady,
Annie Barry,
Annie M. Kelly,
Lena M. Wheeler,
Bessie W. Wilcox,
Minnie D. Gaskill,
Clarence H. Moores.

ONE YEAR.

Mary F. Staples,
Florence E. Snow,
Lillie B. Wheeler,
J. Grace Taft,
Hannah Gaskill,
Cora Taft,

Everett F. Darling,
Harry Dixon,
Fred H. Brown,
W. Edward Dixon,
Ora Davenport,
Newton Nutter.

TWO YEARS.

Abigail Taft,
Jennie L. Nutter,

Ernest L. Tucker,
Oscar A. Newhall.

HIGH SCHOOL—ONE TERM.

Lizzie Quigley,
Evelyn J. Nutter,
* Silas Taft,

Franklin Freeman,
Florence H. Towne.

THE YEAR.

Mary E. Grady,

Clifton E. Bates.

EDWARD DIXON, Superintendent.

* Absent one half day. First mark against him for six years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Amount unexpended, April 30, 1884.....	\$89 36
Town appropriation for 1884.....	1500 00
Income from dog tax.....	97 64
Received from school fund.....	212 16

	\$1899 16

EXPENDED.

Teachers' wages *	\$1627 00
Fuel and care of fires.....	125 94
Apparatus from school fund.....	25 00

	\$1777 94
Balance in treasury	121 22

	\$1899 16

*Including what will be due teachers of North and Centre Schools for the present term.

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in Months.	Teachers' Wages Per Month.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Percentage of Attendance.	Thirdnesses.	Row of Honor.	Number of Schools under five.	Number of Schools over fifteen.	Fuel and care of fires.
High.	Fall. Winter.	N. Currier..... " "	3 3	\$60 60	30 27	26.22 24.84	92 92	31 6	11 16	11 16	
North.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mary L. Taft..... " " " "	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 24 28	29 32 31	27.16 29.28 95	98 30 30	13 13 13	16 13 13	1 3	
Grammar.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Cora E. Gaskill..... " " " "	2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 24 28	19 29 27	17.09 24.20 91	95 12 12	9 9 9	9 9 9	2	
Primary.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Mary E. Dudley..... " " " "	2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 24 28	34 34 34	29.55 26.03 93	94 4 10	18 10 10	1 1 1	5 75	1
South.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Emma E. Aldrich... " " Helen C. Claffin....	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{3}$	20 20 20	9 12 14	8.52 9.97 10.26	95 89 88	2 10 16	2 3 1	0 0 1	16.50
East.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	M. A. Griffon..... " " " "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 28 28	22 20 19	20.07 18.39 17.01	97 95 89	2 2 19	15 8 5	11.25	
West.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Annie W. Gaskill... " " " "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 20 20	13 13 15	12.79 10.97 11.87	98 92 94	46 26 30	8 3	8.75	
Albeerville.	Spring. Fall. Winter.	Dora Taft..... " " " "	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 24 28	30 29 27	21.46 22 17.14	88 89 89	8 12 5	11 8 5	17.69	

SCHOOL BOOK AGENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the report showing what text books have been received and delivered the present year:

To books received from David Adams.....	\$106 22
" " " William Ware & Co.....	166 20
" " " Warren P. Adams.....	8 33
Pencils, chalk, etc., from King & Merrill.....	57 00
Books from Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.....	131 79
Books from Leach, Shewell & Sanborn.....	16 67
Books from D. Appleton & Co.....	17 34
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	\$503 55
By books and supplies delivered.....	\$396 79½
By books on hand.....	100 10½
By cash paid treasurer of School Committee for books and supplies.....	5 48
By 9 pounds of paper furnished all schools ex- cept High and Grammar.....	1 17
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	\$503 55

HIGH SCHOOL.

Six Harvey's English Grammar at 55 cents.....	\$3 30
Seven Franklin Sixth Readers at \$1.....	7 00
Three Complete Arithmetics at 55 cents.....	1 65
Seven Graded Spellers at 16 cents.....	1 13
Seven Scott's School Histories at 60 cents.....	4 20
Nineteen Greenleaf's Elementary Algebra at 83½ cents.	15 84
Eight Olney's Geometries at \$1.04½.....	8 33
Five Harkness' Latin Readers at 78½ cents.....	3 92
Two Harkness' Latin Grammar at \$1.01	2 02
Ten Harkness' Latin Cæsars at 94½ cents.....	9 45
Thirteen Physiologies at 50 cents.....	6 50
Five dozen Spelling blanks at 36 cents.....	1 80
Three dozen Composition blanks at \$1.50.....	4 50
One hundred slate pencils.....	30
Three dozen slate pencils, artificial at 6½ cents	18¾
Three dozen lead pencils, Harvard at 21 cents.....	63
Three dozen lead pencils, Dixon's penny, at 7½ cents...	22
Twelve dozen Harvard pens at 2½ cents.....	30
One dozen King's office pens.....	6½
Three dozen pen holders.....	7½
Thirty-one small bottles of Harvard ink at 3 1-6	98
Eight blocks of paper at 6 cents.....	48
Forty rubber erasers at 2½ cents.....	1 00
Sixteen boxes of crayons at 10 cents.....	1 60

Sixteen slates 8x12 at 5 cents.....	80
Four pounds of letter paper at 13 cents.....	52
One class book.....	25
One Colburn Arithmetic.....	27
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	\$77 31½

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Thirteen Franklin New Fifth Readers at 70 cents	\$9 10
Thirteen Franklin New Fourth Readers at 50 cents.....	6 50
Eighteen Adv. Third Reader at 40 cents.....	7 20
Ten Franklin Fourth Readers at 54 cents.....	5 40
Six Harvey's English Grammar at 55 cents.....	3 30
Fifteen Harvey's Elementary Grammar at 35 cents.....	5 25
Six White's Complete Arithmetics at 55 cents.....	3 30
Seventeen White's Elementary Arithmetic at 42 cents...	7 14
Eleven Harper's School Geography at 80 cents.....	8 80
One Graded Speller.....	16
Thirty-one McGuffey's Speller at 15 cents.....	4 65
Four Scott's smaller histories at 42 cents.....	1 68
Seventy-four large writing books at 8½ cents.....	6 16½
One dozen small writing books.....	70
Five and five-sixths dozen Eclectic drawing books at \$1.	5 83½
Forty-three Composition blanks, Franklin, 12 1-2 cents.	5 37½
Nine Bartholomew's drawing books at 15 cents.....	1 35
Three dozen Franklin Writing Spellers at 36 cts.....	1 08
Twelve blocks of paper at 6 cents.....	72
One bottle of Stafford's ink, quart bottle.....	35½
Ten dozen Harvard pens at 2½ cents.....	25
Three dozen pen-holders at 2½ cents.....	7½
Four dozen Harvard lead pencils at 21 cents.....	84
Thirty-seven rubber erasers at 2½ cents.....	92½
Six boxes of crayons at 10 cents.....	60
Five slates, 8x12, at 5 cents.....	25
Fourteen slates, 7x11, at 4 cents.....	56
One hundred slate pencils.....	30
Three dozen " " artificial, at 6½ cents.....	18½
Four dozen lead pencils, Faber's R. R., at 10½ cents...	42
Five " " Dixon's penny, at 7½ cents...	36½
Five pounds letter paper at 13 cents.....	65
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	\$89 48½

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One Harper's School Geography returned.....	80
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	\$88 68½

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Nine Franklin Adv. Second Readers at 30 cents.....	\$2 70
Ten " " First " at 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents.....	1 67
Nine " " Third " at 42 cents.....	3 78
Four " Second " at 30 cents.....	1 20
Six " First " at 18 cents.....	1 08
Five " " " at 15 cents.....	75
Nine Elementary Arithmetics at 42 cents.....	3 78
Four Primary " at 22 cents.....	88
Two Harper's Introductory Geographies at 35 cents....	70
One Primary Speller.....	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ten McGuffey's Spellers, at 15 cents.....	1 50
Thirteen Duntonian small writing books at 7 cents....	91
One hundred and seven small writing books, at 5 $\frac{5}{6}$ cents	6 24
Two and 1-12 dozen Eclectic drawing books, at \$1	2 08 $\frac{1}{3}$
Sixteen Bartholomew's drawing books, small, 3 $\frac{1}{8}$	57
Six blocks of paper at 3 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents.....	22
One block "	05
Twelve Franklin spelling blanks at 3 cents.....	36
Seven " " " 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ cents.....	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
One bottle Stafford's ink, quart bottle.....	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
Four dozen Harvard pens, at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.....	10
Three dozen pen holders, at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Two dozen Harvard lead pencils, at 21 cents.....	42
Three dozen Dixon's penny lead pencils, at 7 $\frac{1}{3}$ cents....	22
Three dozen Faber's R. R, " " 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents...	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Three dozen artificial slate pencils, at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents.....	18 $\frac{3}{4}$
Twenty-one rubber erasers. at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.....	52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Six boxes of crayons, at 10 cents.....	60
Thirty-one slates, 7x11, at 4 cents.....	1 24
One hundred slate pencils.....	30

	\$33 13

EAST SCHOOL.

Nine Franklin New Fifth Readers.....	6 30
Six " " Fourth "	3 00
Six " Advanced Second Readers.....	1 80
Three " " First "	50
One Elementary Grammar.....	35
One Complete Arithmetic.....	55
Five Elementary Arithmetics, at 42 cents.....	2 10
Three Harper's School Geographies, at 80 cents.....	2 40
One " Introductory Geography.....	35
Six McGuffey's Spellers, at 15 cents.....	90
Four Scott's smaller Histories at 42 cents.....	1 68
Five and one-third dozen large writing books at \$1....	5 33 $\frac{1}{3}$
One dozen small writing books.....	70

Five small writing books, Duntonian, at 7 cents.....	35
Four doz. Eclectic drawing books.....	4 00
Two and one-half doz. Franklin writing spellers, at 36c	90
Two doz. Franklin composition blanks.....	3 00
Ten blocks of paper.....	60
One bottle Stafford's ink, quart bottle.....	35½
Twelve doz. Harvard pens, at 2½ cents.....	30
Two doz. pen holders at 2 1-2 cents.....	05
Three doz. Harvard lead pencils, at 21 cents.....	63
Three doz. Dixon's " " at 7 1-3 cents.....	22
Two doz. artificial slate pencils, at 6 1-4 cents.....	12½
One hundred slate pencils.....	30
Eighteen rubber erasers, at 2 1-2 cents.....	45
Seven boxes crayons.....	70
Three slates, 7x11.....	12
	\$38 06½

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Seven Franklin new 4th Readers at 50 cents.....	3 50
Six Franklin Advanced 3d Readers at 40 cents.....	2 40
Two Franklin Advanced 2nd Readers at 30 cents.....	60
Two Franklin 2nd Readers at 25 cents.....	50
Three English Grammars at 55 cents.....	1 65
Three Elementary Grammars.....	1 14
One School Geography.....	80
Five Introductory Geographies at 35 cents.....	1 75
Five Elementary Arithmetics at 42 cents.....	2 10
One Colburn Arithmetic.....	27
One Graded Speller.....	16
Two Primary Spellers	23
Two Scott's smaller Histories at 42 cents.....	84
Three 5-6 doz. large writing books	3 83½
Six small writing books at 7 cents.....	42
Two 5-6 dozen Eclectic Drawing books at \$1	2 83½
Six Spelling blanks at 2 12-13 cents.....	17½
One dozen Spelling blanks, Franklin	36
Six Composition blanks Franklin, at 12 1-2 cents.....	75
Three writing blocks at 5 cents.....	15
Two blocks of paper.....	12
One bottle Stafford's ink.....	35½
Eleven dozen Harvard pens at 2 1-2 cents.....	27½
One dozen pen holders.....	2½
One and one-half dozen Harvard lead pencils at 21 cents	31½
One dozen Dixon's lead pencils...	7½
Two dozen Faber's R. R. lead pencils at 10 1-2 cents...	21
Six rubber erasers at 2 1-2 cents.....	15
Three boxes of crayons at 10 cents.....	30

Two slates, 7x11, at 4 cents.....	08
One hundred slate pencils.....	30
One bottle of mucilage.....	4 $\frac{1}{6}$
One dozen artificial pencils.....	6 $\frac{1}{4}$

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One Elementary Grammar returned	37
One School Geography.....	80—1 17

\$25 60

WEST SCHOOL.

Six Franklin new Fifth Readers at 70 cents.....	4 20
Six Franklin new Fourth Readers at 50 cents	3 00
Seven Franklin adv. Third Readers at 40 cents.....	2 80
Two Franklin Fourth Readers at 54 cents.....	1 08
Four Franklin Second Readers at 25 cents	1 00
One Franklin First Reader.....	15
Three English Grammars at 55 cents.....	1 65
Three Elementary Grammars at 37 cents.....	1 13
Five Harper's School Geography at 80 cents	4 00
Two Harper's Introductory Geography at 35 cents.....	70
Five Elementary Arithmetic at 42 cents.....	2 10
Two Graded Spellers at 16 cents.....	32
Four Primary Spellers at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.....	46
Two and one-half dozen large writing books at \$1	2 50
One dozen small writing books.....	70
Sixteen Eclectic drawing books at \$1 per dozen.....	1 33 $\frac{1}{3}$
Six Bartholomew's drawing books at 15 cents.....	90
Three Spelling blanks.....	9
Nineteen Franklin Writing Spellers at 3 cents.....	57
Ten Franklin Composition blanks at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.....	1 25
Ten blocks of paper at 6 cents.....	60
One quart Stafford's ink.....	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
Three dozen Harvard pens at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Two dozen King's office pens at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents.....	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
One doz. pen holder.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Eighteen Harvard pencils.....	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Two dozen Dixon's pencils.....	14 $\frac{2}{3}$
Sixteen rubber erasers.....	40
One hundred slate pencils.....	30
Two boxes of crayons.....	20
Ten slates, 7x11	40
Two dozen Faber's pencils.....	21

\$33 08 $\frac{1}{2}$

NORTH SCHOOL.

Fourteen Franklin new Fifth Readers at 70 cents.....	9 80
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Ten Franklin adv. Readers at 40 cents.....	4 00
Seven Franklin Second Reader at 30 cents.....	2 10
Nine Franklin Fourth Reader at 54 cents.....	4 86
Two Franklin Second Reader.....	50
Three Franklin First Reader.....	45
Eight English Grammars at 55 cents.....	4 40
One English Grammar.....	60
Two Complete Arithmetics.....	1 10
One Complete Arithmetic.....	65
Fourteen Elementary Arithmetics at 42 cents.....	5 88
One Colburn's Arithmetic.....	28
Three Harper's School Geography.....	2 40
Two Graded Spellers	33
Four Primary Spellers.....	46
Twenty-one McGuffey's Spellers at 15 cents.....	3 15
Four Scott's smaller histories at 42 cents.....	1 68
Fifty-eight large writing books	4 83 $\frac{1}{3}$
Thirteen small writing books.....	75 $\frac{5}{6}$
Thirty-Eight Electric Drawing books at 8 $\frac{1}{3}$ cents.....	3 16 $\frac{2}{3}$
Two Bartholomew's Drawing books.....	8
Two dozen rubber erasers.....	60
Thirteen spelling blanks at 2 12-13 cents.....	36
Eleven " " Franklin, at 3 cents.....	33
Twenty-two composition blanks, Franklin, at 12 1-2 c..	2 75
One writing block.....	5
Thirteen blocks of paper at 6 cents.....	78
One bottle Stafford's ink, quart bottle.....	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ten doz. Harvard pens, at 2 1-2 cents.....	25
Two doz. King's office pens, at 6 1-4 cents.....	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Four doz. Dixon's lead pencils, at 7 1-3 cents.....	29 $\frac{1}{3}$
Two doz. Harvard " " at 21 cents.....	42
Three doz. pen holders, at 2 1-2 cents.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Two doz. artificial slate pencils, at 6 1-4 cents	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
One doz. Faber's R. R. lead pencils.....	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fourteen boxes crayons, at 10 cents.....	1 40
Twenty-four slates, 7x11, at 4 cents.....	96
One hundred slate pencils	30
	\$60 75 $\frac{2}{3}$

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One rubber eraser.....	3
	\$60 72 $\frac{2}{3}$

ALBEEVILLE SCHOOL, DR.

Eight Franklin new fourth Readers at 50 cents	\$4 00
Seven " adv. third Readers at 40 cents.....	2 80
Seven " " second Readers at 30 cents.....	2 10
Six " " first Readers at 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents.....	1 00

Three Franklin adv.third Readers at 35 cents.....	\$1 05
Four " " second Readers at 25 cents.....	1 00
One English Grammar.....	55
Four Elementary Grammars, .378.....	1 51
One Elementary Grammar.....	35
Two Harper's School Geographies at 80 cents.....	1 60
Three Harper's Introductory Geographies at 35 cents...	1 05
Two Complete Arithmetics.....	1 10
Four graded Spellers.....	65
Fourteen McGuffey's Spellers at 15 cents	2 10
Seven Scott's smaller Histories at 42 cents.....	2 94
Twelve Elementary Arithmetics at 42 cents.....	5 04
Thirty-one large writing books at $8\frac{1}{3}$ cents.....	2 $58\frac{1}{3}$
Eleven small writing books.....	$64\frac{1}{6}$
Four and two-thirds doz. eclectic drawing books at \$1...	4 $66\frac{2}{3}$
Six Bartholomew's drawing books at 15 cents.....	90
Ten spelling blanks.....	29
Twelve Franklin spelling blanks.....	36
Twenty Franklin composition blanks at $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents.....	2 50
Three blocks of paper.....	18
Two blocks of paper.....	10
One bottle Stafford's ink, qt. bottle	$35\frac{1}{2}$
Ten doz. Harvard pens	25
One doz. pen holders.....	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Two doz. Harvard lead pencils	42
Three doz. Dixon's lead pencils.....	22
Twenty rubber erasers.....	50
Eleven boxes of crayons.....	1 10
Fifteen slates, 7x11.....	60
One hundred slate pencils.....	30
One bottle of mucilage.....	$4\frac{1}{6}$
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	\$44 87 $\frac{1}{3}$

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One Scott's smaller History, returned.....	42
One White's complete Arithmetic returned	55
One McGuffy Speller.....	15
One Eclectic drawing book.....	$8\frac{1}{3}$
One small writing book.....	$5\frac{5}{6}$
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Balance.....	\$43 61 $\frac{1}{6}$
Account in detail.....	\$400 21
Desk copies, free.....	3 42
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Balance.....	\$396 79

In buying books, I have bought from the publishers direct, and have their word that they sold to the Town of Mendon at the same

rate as they sold to the City of Boston or any other large city. The express charges on text books were paid by the publishers.

In purchasing school supplies, not being restricted to any particular kind, I bought where I could buy the lowest. The town paid the express charges on these.

EDWARD DIXON, Agent.

For School Committee.

TOWN WARRANT.

WORCESTER, ss.—To the Constable of the Town of Mendon, in
the County of Worcester,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, in said Mendon, on MONDAY, the second day of March, next, punctually, at ten o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz.:

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.
- ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.
- ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the roads and bridges in said town the year ensuing.
- ART. 6. To see if the town will require the School Committee annually to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.
- ART. 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alterations in the same.
- ART. 8. To see what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.
- ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to continue the High School.
- ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year commencing March 2d, 1885, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.
- ART. 11. To see what measures, if any, by borrowing money or otherwise, the town will take for the redemption of town bonds maturing during the municipal year commencing March 2d, 1885.
- ART. 12. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to

the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 13. To see if the town will secure communication by telephone with Milford, as security against destruction by fire, or act in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to diminish the number of its School Committee.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting; at the post-office, and on the door of the schoolhouse in Albeeville, and at the post-office at South Milford.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of thts Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

GUSTAVUS B. WILLIAMS, } Selectmen
ALBERT W. GASKILL, } of
LIBERTY FREEMAN, } Mendon.

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Mendon.